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E.O.11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (ROCKEFELLER, NELSON A.), IR

SUBJ: VICE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT TO IRAN

THERE FOLLOWS A SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION PERTAINING  
TO THE VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO IRAN:

1. IN A MEETING THIS MORNING WITH THE GRAND MASTER OF CEREMONIES  
AND CHIEF OF PROTOCOL AND OTHER GOI OFFICIALS, AND AMERICAN EMBASSY  
STAFF, WE DISCUSSED THE DETAILS OF THE VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT.  
THEY WERE EXTREMELY COOPERATIVE AND EXPRESSED A DESIRE FOR COMPLETE  
COOPERATION WITH ANY OF THE VICE PRESIDENT'S WISHES. AFTER  
DISCUSSING VARIOUS ALTERNATIVE PROPOSALS FOR THE VISIT, IT WAS  
AGREED BY BOTH SIDES THAT IF IT MEETS WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT'S  
APPROVAL, THE MOST DESIRABLE PLAN WOULD BE FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT'S  
PARTY TO FLY DIRECTLY FROM PARIS TO KISH ISLAND AND REMAIN  
THERE THROUGHOUT THE VISIT, WITH A SIGHTSEEING AND SHOPPING  
SIDE TRIP TO ISFAHAN ON MARCH 25. THIS PLAN WOULD SIMPLIFY  
LOGISTIC ARRANGEMENTS, IMPROVE SECURITY, MAKE A MORE RELAXED  
VISIT, AND WOULD ELIMINATE THE REQUIREMENT FOR A FORMAL STATE  
DINNER, WHICH WOULD BE NECESSARY IF THE PARTY STOPPED IN  
TEHRAN. IRANIAN TRADITION REQUIRES THAT DURING THE DAY IN  
ISFAHAN THE VICE PRESIDENT AND THE OFFICIAL PARTY BE THE  
GUESTS OF THE GOVERNOR GENERAL AT AN INFORMAL LUNCHEON.

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GUESTS AT THIS LUNCHEON WOULD BE:

VICE PRESIDENT AND MRS. ROCKEFELLER  
MISS MURPHY  
AMBASSADOR AND MRS. HELMS  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON  
MRS. HERTER  
CAPTAIN HOWE, AS WELL AS THE PRINCIPAL OFFICER IN ISFAHAN  
GENE MARSHALL.

IRANIAN GUESTS WILL INCLUDE:

COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE ISFAHAN DISTRICT  
CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY  
GOI PROTOCOL ESCORT OFFICER  
AND THEIR WIVES.

ABOUT 1700 THE ENTIRE PARTY WOULD RETURN TO KISH ISLAND AND REMAIN  
OVERNIGHT FOR DEPARTURE FOR KUALA LUMPUR THE FOLLOWING MORNING.

2. IF THIS SCENARIO IS APPROVED, THE DEPARTURE AND ARRIVAL  
STATEMENTS WILL BE RELEASED BY THE EMBASSY.

3. GIFTS: WHILE WE SUGGESTED THAT THE EXCHANGE OF GIFTS  
BE KEPT AT A MODEST LEVEL, IRANIAN ARE TRADITIONALLY GRACIOUS,  
AND THE VICE PRESIDENT SHOULD BE PREPARED TO PRESENT AN  
APPROPRIATE GIFT TO THEIR MAJESTIES. WE SUGGEST A GIFT IN  
THE SPIRIT OF THE BICENTENNIAL THEME.

4. IN REVIEWING THE ISFAHAN SITUATION, IT IS ADVISABLE  
THAT THE VISIT NOT BE PUBLICIZED. A DETAILED SCHEDULE FOLLOWS:

TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 1976

9:00 AM AIR FORCE II DEPARTS PARIS EN ROUTE KISH ISLAND

FLYING TIME: 6 HOURS 30 MINUTES

TIME CHANGE: 2 HOURS 30 MINUTES

WEATHER: EARLY SUMMER, 70-75 DEGREES, MOSTLY SUNNY

6:00 PM AT FORCE II ARRIVES KISH ISLAND

VICE PRESIDENT AND MRS. ROCKEFELLER AND MISS MURPHY  
WILL DEPLANE AND PROCEED EN ROUTE THEIR RESIDENCE.

NOTE: THE ENTIRE PARTY, INCLUDING SUPPORT GROUP,  
WILL BE HOUSED ON KISH ISLAND IN AN AREA SEPARATE  
AND APART FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT AND OFFICIAL PARTY.

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PERSONAL STAFF TIME FOR ENTIRE PARTY.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 1976

NOTE: PERSONAL STAFF TIME FOR ENTIRE PARTY. THE

FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES ARE AVAILABLE ON KISH ISLAND:  
TENNIS, SWIMMING, HORSEBACK RIDING, HIKING, BOATING  
AND SAILING. THIS WOULD BE AN INFORMAL TWO DAYS.  
THE ROYAL FAMILY WILL BE IN RESIDENCE AND

PRESUMABLY WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO SPEND TIME WITH  
THE VICE PRESIDENT, MRS. ROCKEFELLER AND MALINDA.  
DRESS FOR KISH ISLAND: SPORTS WEAR FOR DAYTIME.  
DARK SUIT AND LONG DRESS FOR EVENING.

THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 1976

9:00 AM VICE PRESIDENT AND MRS. ROCKEFELLER AND MISS MURPHY  
BOARD AIR FORCE II EN ROUTE ISFAHAN AIRPORT.  
FLYING TIME: 45 MINUTES  
NOTE: OTHER MEMBERS OF PARTY WILL ALSO FLY TO ISFAHAN  
AND BE PROVIDED OTHER ARRANGEMENTS FOR SIGHTSEEING  
AND SHOPPING.

9:45 AM ARRIVE ISFAHAN AIRPORT

9:50 AM VICE PRESIDENT BOARDS MOTORCASE EN ROUTE SIGHTSEEING  
AND SHOPPING TOUR OF ISFAHAN  
GOI LEAD USSS  
LIMO (4143) VICE PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER  
MRS. ROCKEFELLER  
MISS MURPHY  
USS FOLLOW-UP MEDIC  
GOI FOLLOW-UP  
CONTROL CAR CANBERI  
RILAND  
GOI PROTOCOL  
SPARE CAR  
TAIL CAR

1:00 PM VICE PRESIDENT ARRIVES SHAH ABBAS HOTEL FOR  
PRIVATE LUNCHEON WITH GOVERNOR GENERAL AND OTHER  
DIGNITARIES AND MEMBERS OF THE VICE PRESIDENT'S  
OFFICIAL PARTY. (INFORMAL - 15 GUESTS)

3:00 PM DEPART LUNCHEON FOR TOUR OF MOSQUE AND PALACE

4:15 PM DEPART TOUR EN ROUTE ISFAHAN AIRPORT

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4:45 PM ARRIVE ISFAHAN IARPORT

4:50 PM BOARD AIR FORCE II

4:55 PM AIR FORCE II DEPARTS EN ROUTE KISH ISLAND

FLYING TIME: 45 MINUTES

5:40 PM ARRIVE KISH ISLAND AIRPORT

6:00 PM DEPART KISH ISLAND AIRPORT FOR RESIDENCE

FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 1976

8:00 AM BAGGAGE CALL

9:00 AM AIR FORCE II DEPARTS KISH ISLAND EN ROUTE KUALA LUMPUR.  
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